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SUBJECT: "BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING", DTD 4 APRIL 1959

REFERENCE: SM 366-59

THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS.

PART ONE.

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, QUOTED IN PART TWO OF THIS MESSAGE IS A "JOINT PAPER DEFINING AIR ACCESS PLANNING AND PROCEDURAL RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THE THREE EMBASSIES IN BONN AND THE LIVE OAK GROUP PARIS", SIGNED BY THE LIVE OAK CHIEF OF STAFF AND BY THE US, UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES AT BONN.

2. FRENCH AND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES OF LIVE OAK ARE FORWARDING COPIES OF THE PAPER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STAFF.

PART TWO.

QUOTE

SUBJECT: JOINT PAPER DEFINING AIR ACCESS PLANNING AND PROCEDURAL RESPONSIBILITIES VIS-A-VIS THE THREE EMBASSIES IN BONN AND LIVE OAK GROUP PARIS.

1. THE BASIC PAPER "BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING", DATED 4 APRIL 1959, DEFINES THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR ACCESS PLANNING AS THAT OF THE THREE EMBASSIES AT BONN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TRIPARTITE STAFF IN PARIS OR WITH OTHER MILITARY

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HEADQUARTERS AS APPROPRIATE. AS A CIVIL GROUP THE BONN EMBASSIES CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO PLAN BEYOND THE STAGE OF ACTIVE INTERFERENCE, I.E. AIRCRAFT SHOT/FORCED DOWN, AND HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT PLANNING FROM THIS STAGE SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LIVE OAK GROUP UNDER THE BASIC PAPER PARAGRAPHS 1B, C, 11A AND 13C. THIS VIEW IS ACCEPTED BY LIVE OAK.

2. THE THREE EMBASSIES BONN AND THE LIVE OAK GROUP PARIS HAVE THEREFORE AGREED THE FOLLOWING DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AIR ACCESS PLANNING:

A. BASIC PAPER, PARA 12B(1) THRU (7)

THE THREE EMBASSIES IN BONN, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANNING REQUIRED UNDER PARA 12B TASKS (1) THRU (7). IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TASK (6) IS TAKEN ONLY TO THE POINT OF AIRCRAFT SHOT/FORCED DOWN.

B. BASIC PAPER, PARA 1B, C, 11A AND 13C

THE LIVE OAK GROUP, PARIS, HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER AIR ACCESS HAS BEEN FORCIBLY OBSTRUCTED BY AIRCRAFT SHOT/FORCED DOWN.

3. HANDLING OF PAPERS:

A. TRIPARTITE GROUP BONN PAPERS

(1) THE THREE EMBASSIES WILL ENSURE THAT LIVE OAK VIEWS, AT STAFF LEVEL, ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THEIR PLANNING PAPERS.

(2) TRIPARTITELY AGREED PAPERS WILL BE FORWARDED TO GENERAL NORSTAD FOR COMMENT AT THE SAME TIME AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED TO THE THREE GOVERNMENTS.

B. LIVE OAK GROUP (AIR) PAPERS.

DRAFT PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE THREE EMBASSIES IN BONN FOR INFORMATION AND/OR COMMENT. ANY TRIPARTITELY AGREED COMMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO LIVE OAK.

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C. CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS.

ALL PAPERS WILL BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH US CHANNELS.

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